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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Meeting with Carl Duckett, DDS&T

1. A meeting with Mr. Duckett had been requested in order to obtain from him any broad information which might affect shifts in policy and plans regarding DDS&T or which might point the way to major changes in Agency responsibilities and organization. A few minutes were spent in my providing a general summation of the BPS program. More detail was not required since [REDACTED] EO/DDS&T, and [REDACTED] AO/DDS&T, had given Mr. Duckett an earlier rundown on my briefings of them.

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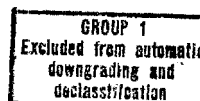
2. Mr. Duckett is full of ideas. His vision is unlimited. He is already considering steps which should be taken to improve present Agency technology even to the point of suggesting possible major shifts in such a program as [REDACTED] which itself is not yet fully established. Mr. Duckett spoke for almost 20 minutes on three or four new developments in process in DDS&T which are not sufficiently advanced and are too sensitive to be recorded in this MFR.

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3. Mr. Duckett was interested and pleased in hearing of my early thoughts regarding shifts, consolidations, and new applications in the computer field. He is in accord with the consideration of constructing appropriate space for centralizing computer services of the Agency. He believes that the next 15 years will reflect extreme advances in this field to the point of production of ultra-compact computer components for offices. This would greatly enhance our total effort and give the offices, so equipped, ready access to the advanced equipment which would probably be housed in a unified and coordinated computer center.

4. We had a 10 to 15 minute discussion of ways and means of reducing Agency costs and identifying potential savings. Mr. Duckett believes that special purpose space, especially for laboratories and reproduction equipment, can be consolidated to permit controlled use of unique facilities where today finds identical equipment located in various spots for different components of the Agency. He considers there would be a savings in purchase of initial equipment, in maintenance, in replacement, and in some degree man-hours wherein the need exists for coordination among individuals with parallel responsibilities and interests.

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25X1A9a 5. Mr. Duckett asked me to followup with Chuck Briggs, Chief, OCS, regarding technical advancements in the expansion of computer capabilities and reductions in size. Mr. Briggs is preparing a report at this time on the present state of technology on this subject. Mr. Duckett also asked me to talk with a member of his staff, [REDACTED] on future trends in DDS&T areas of interest.

6. In addition to areas of OCS activity, technology is moving forward by leaps and bounds. This, according to Mr. Duckett, is going to keep DDS&T in the "big systems business in Intelligence". He visualizes much broader use of satellites and new systems relating to them to greatly speed the flow of selected data to the desk of the DCI. Mr. Duckett states that there will be more and more data acquired which will have to be processed through various electronic and ultra-sonic means. He believes that this is going to call for data sorting equipment at the source with only the most important information selected out and channeled back through the master system. Mr. Duckett visualizes an increasing number of operations centers around the world tied into photographic/electronic techniques and acquisition of information.

7. In addition to the suggestion that present laboratory activities of the Agency should be brought together where they could use common facilities under a staggered and controlled plan, he considers that such laboratory facilities must be set up to provide "quick reaction laboratory services". He recognizes that the big question is how to make such a system work and implied that that would be my job with the BPS to visualize the process and means of bringing such related activities into close proximity.

8. We discussed the closed circuit system now being used by FMSAC. He complimented me on having already launched a research effort in this direction as well as for the early BPS thinking in relation to OCS and other special activities. He stated that CCTV and similar advanced systems can save a great amount of personnel time, reproduction of all kinds of documentation, and at the same time facilitate the more rapid development of positions and conclusions within the Agency on what is transpiring around the world.

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from which he could make a selection in the next few days. I advised them that I did not plan to be in touch with the BPC's before I returned from my vacation in September.



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